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Danny the Dragon



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Some dragons are scary – but not Danny.

He loves to help his friends with his fire-breath.

But Danny is in for a nasty surprise

when a stranger arrives in town.

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This is a story about

a dragon,

some villagers,

a salesman

and a gang of robbers.

Danny the dragon lived
in some woods, beside a
tiny village.

Some dragons are scary...

...but Danny was friendly.

Morning, Joe!

Morning, Danny!

Everyone in the village
liked Danny.

Morning, Danny

Morning, Danny!

And Danny liked
everyone in the village.

Morning, Peg!

Morning, Sam!

Each night, he visited
every villager. He lit
their fires.

He cooked their food.

Thanks,
Danny.

He lit their candles as it
grew dark.

Thanks,
Danny.

Then he went home,
feeling happy.

Goodnight,
Danny.

The

One day, a stranger came
to the village.

“Roll up!” he cried.

“Buy Mr. Marvo’s magic
fire sticks.”

The villagers had
never seen magic fire
sticks before.

“What do they do?”

asked Joe.

“I’ll show you,” said

Mr. Marvo.

“They can light your fires
when you’re cold.”

Incredible!

“They can cook your food
when you’re hungry.”

Unbelievable!

“And they can light your
candles when it gets dark.”

Wonderful!

The villagers were amazed.

I'll buy

four.

They bought all the magic
fire sticks on the wagon.

That night, Danny visited
the villagers as usual.

“Shall I light your fire?”

he asked Joe.

No thanks,

Danny.

“I’ve got magic fire
sticks,” said Joe. “I don’t
need a dragon.”

Danny walked to the
house next door.

“Shall I cook your food?”

he asked Peg.

“I’ve got magic fire

sticks,” said Peg.

“I don’t need a dragon.”

Danny went to the
next house.

“Shall I light your
candles?” he asked Sam.

No thanks,

Danny.

“I’ve got magic fire
sticks,” said Sam. “I don’t
need a dragon.”

It was the same story at
every house.

“No one needs me any
more,” Danny thought.

He walked into the woods
and tried not to cry.

At that moment, a gang
of robbers was passing
the village.

They noticed the smoke of
the fires.

They saw the light of the
candles.

And they smelled the
food cooking.

“Grub’s up!” cried the
chief robber.

The robbers stormed into
the village.

They pushed the villagers
away from their fires.

Ahhh, toasty.

They snatched away
their food.

Ow!

And they carried away
their candles.

Hey!

“Who can help us?” cried
the villagers.

“Not me!” said Mr.
Marvo, and he ran away.

In the woods, Danny heard
the cries of the villagers.

Save us from
the robbers!

Help

He ran out of the woods
and into the village.

Danny charged up to
the robbers.

He set their beards
on fire...

A d..d..dragon!

toasted their feet...

A d..d..dragon!

Ouch!

and burned their bottoms.

A d..d..dragon!

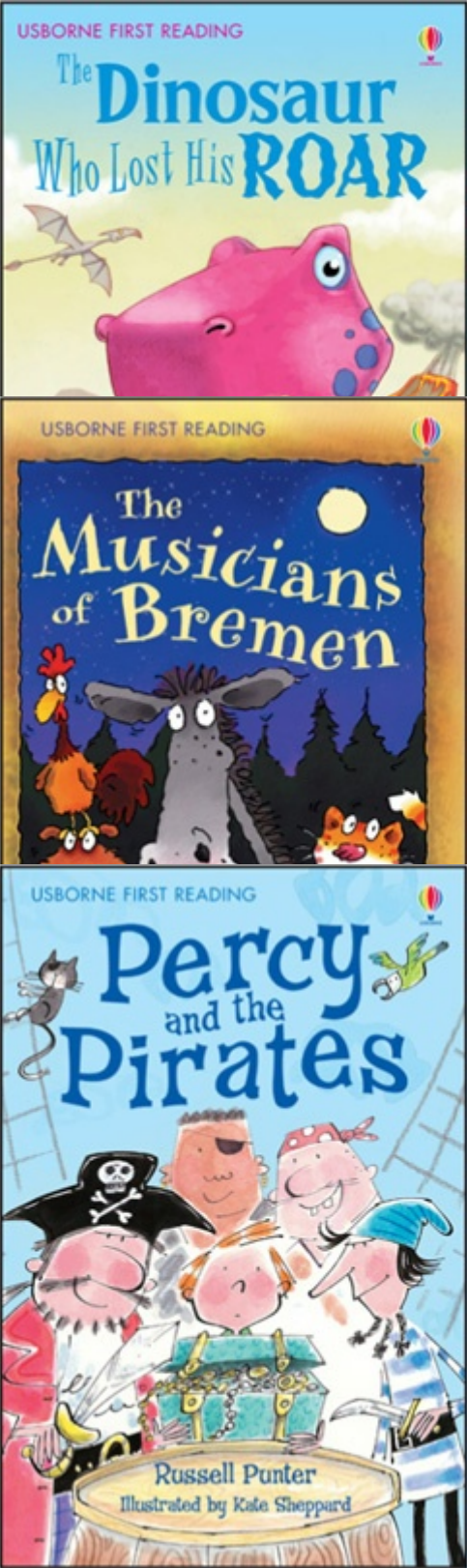
The robbers ran off and
were never seen again.

The thankful villagers

gave Danny his job back...

...and found another use for

Mr. Marvo's magic sticks.



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